

Husky Headlines

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We hope you had a great summer and have some good memories as you join us back here at EDS! We are welcoming many new families this year, and of course it is fun to see old friends again. Thanks to all of you who showed up early (in the middle of summer, really) to help us get the campus ready for the school year. As always, we could not have done it without you! The start of school is always a time for new shoes, new backpacks, and new beginnings. It is a time for us all, students included, to renew ourselves and set new goals. Each of our students has so much potential, and it is this time of year that we are all able to look at the possibilities for accomplishment as endless.

A big addition to EDS this year is our full middle school program. We have added 2 7th grades and an 8th grade to our middle school program this year. For this year, until new buildings are constructed next summer, the middle school will be housed out in the portables. It is a great group of kids, and we are looking forward to their leadership this year!

Dates to Remember

8/30	PTO Meeting 8:30 AM
9/5	Back to School Night K-5 6:30 PM
9/6	SSC Meeting 5:30 PM
9/12	Back to School Night 6-8 6:30 PM

All School Sing

We are trying something new this year, and are having our Friday School Sing after lunch instead of first thing in the morning. Some classrooms have PE, Performing Arts, and specialized literacy groups that they were missing last year in order to participate. The time change will allow all students to participate without missing their other weekly activities. We still invite parents to join us every Friday at 1pm! See you there!

Important Forms

Last Wednesday, your student should have brought home some very important forms. Please be sure to sign and return the forms immediately. The Emergency Information card is very important. You are required to complete new cards at the beginning of each school year. Please be sure to fill out both sides, as completely as possible. If any information changes during the year, be sure to notify us immediately so that we can contact you if your child becomes ill or injured at school.

Communication

Open communication between home and school is essential for a successful school year. Monthly newsletters from the principal and regular newsletters from classroom teachers help you stay informed about what is happening at EDS. Our website also includes important information and we are continuing to work to make it even more useful to our community. Be sure to check out the web calendar and news pages for the most recent updates. If you have not joined our parent e-group, you can do that on the front of the webpage, too!

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Enrichment Activities

We are busy scheduling art, cooking, gardening, and computer lab activities for classrooms. While we wait for the new construction next summer, teachers will be cooking in their classrooms this year. Cooking supplies have been divided into kits, and teachers can use them just as they did in the cooking room last year. Our middle school students in their Mass Media elective are already using our newest addition, a new computer lab with 32 brand new iMacs. All students will have an opportunity soon to use the computer lab, too. Of course, all of these activities are dependent on some extra help in the classroom. It is not too early to let your child's teacher know that you are interested in a particular area!

Safety is Important

With school back in session, please be sure to drive safely around school campuses. We do have some additional crossing guards this year, which are helping to keep student who walk to school safe. Please remember that the front parking lot is for school busses and parents with specially issued drop off passes. Please do not park in this lot-- it is for staff only. The back parking lot (on Marilla) is for parent parking and student drop off. Staff supervises both parking lots both in the morning and in the afternoon. You may also park on the streets to walk in, but do not park in any red zone! The SJPD has already been monitoring and ticketing to help keep our school zone safe for kids!

Be Kind to Our Neighbors

We have had several of our neighbors come to us and express concern for the safety of the students as well as themselves. Do not block driveways, or park on corners and call your child across the street. Do the right thing and park, get out of your car, walk over to meet your child, and then proceed back across the street to ensure everyone's safety. Also, remember to use the crosswalk. It's the law!

Spirit Wear

EDS Husky spirit wear will be available Thursday before the PTO meeting and at both Back to School Nights. An order form will be sent home mid September to order additional items.

Back to School Nights

Back to School Nights are scheduled for the first 2 weeks in September. These evenings are important for parents to attend. You will get to hear from your child's teacher about his or her plans for the year and about what to expect regarding class work, homework, special projects, etc. Throughout the year, you will have other opportunities to learn more about what is happening in the classroom including the Parent Academy, Fall Conferences, Student-led conferences in the spring, etc. Of course, the best way to stay up to date is to volunteer in some way to support your child's classroom. Teachers will have more information about the kinds of support they need at Back to School Night. See you there!

K-5 Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 5th

6:30-7:15 K-1 and 4-5 parents in classrooms

7:15-7:45 PTO Kick-off in the MU room

7:45-8:30 2/3 parents in classrooms

6-8 Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 12th 6:30 – 8:00